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## The Alberta Press Association

The annual convention of the Alberta and Eastern British Columbia Press Association was held in the Empire auditorium, Edmonton, on September 11 and 12.

The attendance was the largest in the history of the association and many important matters were discussed and much important business transacted. In all respects it was the best convention yet held by the association.

Perhaps the most far reaching act of the convention was the decision for complete affiliation with the Canadian Press Association, which has become a powerful organization.

F. W. Galbraith, of the Red Deer Advocate, was elected president, and J. A. Carewell, of the Red Deer News, was elected secretary for the ensuing year. The invitation of Vernon, B.C., to hold next year's convention at that place, was accepted.

The editors and their ladies were most hospitably entertained during their stay in the city. The civic officials, the Edmonton editors, the Women's Press Club, the Master Printers, the Ad. Club, and the people of the city as a whole, all extended the glad hand.

At noon on the 11th a civic banquet was given the visiting press men and their ladies.

In the evening the entire party were the guests of the Master Printers and the Ad. Club for a trip up the Saskatchewan river in the excursion steamer "City of Edmonton." Orchestra and military band enlivened the trip, and furnished music for those wished to take a turn at the dreamy waltz in the boat's commodious salon. At a point in Laurier Park, where a space had been cleared in the virgin forest, the party disembarked and a barbecue was held. After full justice had been done to the feast a roaring campfire was built and a general jollification indulged in, returning to the city by moonlight at 10 p. m.

On the 12th, while the editors attended business sessions the ladies were royally entertained as guests of Mrs. Arthur Murphy, president of the Women's Press Club, probably more widely known by her pen name, "Janey Canuck," and associate members of the Club. The day's entertainment program for the ladies embraced motor trips to all points of interest in and about the city, including the beautiful new capitol building and government house. At mid-day a luncheon was served, and theater parties took up a portion of the afternoon.

At the close of the afternoon business session the editors were taken for a motor drive about the "City of Homes, Health and Hustle." And truly a beautiful and hustling city it is, and growing at an astonishing rate.

At 10:30 in the evening the entire party boarded a special train as guests of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, for a trip westward through the Yellowhead Pass. The

train consisted of five of the finest sleeping coaches in Canada, dining car, safe tourist car, private car of Mr. R. C. W. Lett, tourist and colonization agent, Winnipeg, and a baggage car. The party was in personal charge of Mr. H. E. Tilley, district travelling passenger agent at Edmonton. Mr. Gorman, superintendent of the dining car service, looked after the wants of the inner man. These officials were most indefatigable in their attentions to their guests.

Saturday was spent viewing the wonderful mountain scenery of the Yellowhead Pass region. The tourists reached Tete Jaune Cache, at the head of navigation on the Fraser river, at noon. After a stop of a few hours the train started on the return journey, stopping at Mt. Robson for a close view of that majestic mountain, whose snow-clad, mist wreathed peaks are the highest in the Canadian Rockies. The scenery of Robson Park is unsurpassed. The world has no finer mountain scenery.

Sunday was spent in Jasper Park, where the party were the guests of P. C. Bernard Hervey, chief superintendent. Dominion parks, and Colonel S. Maynard Rogers, superintendent. Jasper Park. Side trips were taken to the beautiful mountain lakes Patricia and Pyramid, and to Punch Bowl Falls, one of the prettiest little waterfalls imaginable. Jasper Park is destined to become fully as famous and popular as Banff Park. No one can claim to have seen scenic Canada until he has taken the trip on the Grand Trunk Pacific through the Rockies.

On the return trip Sunday night an informal meeting of the Press Association was called by President Galbraith, at which hearty votes of thanks were passed to the railways and railway officials for their entertainment; to Mrs. Murphy, president of the Edmonton Women's Press Club, for her hospitality to the ladies during their stay in Edmonton; to Mayor Short for his hospitality; and to Past President M. R. Jennings and Past Secretary C. F. Hayes, for the excellent and capable work done by them during the past year in the interests of the Association.

## South African Hero is Deported

Vancouver, Sept. 11.—Among those deported today by the immigration authorities and who will go back to the Old Country, is George Albert Eagles, a young Englishman, 31 years old, who is a veteran of the South African war.

At Diamond Hill his horse was hit with a piece of shell and bolted. Eagles was partially thrown and was dragged for some distance by the stirrup. He was unconscious for 23 days, but was finally supposed to be completely recovered.

This is found now, however, to be not so, for the man is somewhat weak minded at times. He has a wife and two little daughters in the Old Country.

## Local Jottings

J. R. Shaw and wife motored to Calgary last week.

Bert Drader, of Victoria, B. C., visited relatives west of town last week.

There is now about six miles of grading done on the electric railway, and the work goes steadily on.

Mrs. W. F. Puffer has returned home after spending several weeks visiting in different parts of the province.

Mrs. E. M. Crooker, after an extended visit with friends here, left on Monday for her home at Kermoo, B. C.

Mrs. W. F. Graham and children left the first of the week for Russell, Manitoba, where they will visit for several weeks. Mrs. Graham accompanied them as far as Wotaskiwin.

R. R. Scott, president, and Geo. Girdale, general manager, of the Scott Fruit Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, visited their Lacombe branch on Monday, leaving on the evening train for Calgary to visit the branch there.

In connection with the Lacombe Agricultural Society's three days fall fair there will be two days of sports, the second and third days of the fair, Thursday and Friday, October 2 and 3. About \$700 are offered in race purses.

And now, it is stated, a former publicity commissioner of Lacombe who was discharged because he failed to make good, sees his chance to wreak vengeance on the town by adding his little mite to venom to the local knuckers' efforts, and is using his access to the columns of a Calgary daily to do all he can to help the local knuckers in their efforts to kill the electric road.

F. Vickerson is in receipt of a wire, under date of September 17, from Allan B. Taylor, of the firm of Gibson, Taylor & Strathby, Toronto, stating that Mr. Gibson and wife left that evening direct for Lacombe, and that the firm have the necessary connections to finance the electric railway. He lays particular stress upon the point that it is essential that the project have the unquestionable backing of local people.

A bright little tea was given on Tuesday afternoon of last week by Mrs. (Dr.) Collier in honor of Mrs. Jamieson of Edmonton, formerly of Lacombe, and better known to her Lacombe friends as Grand-mother Jamieson.

The guests were entertained by a pleasant hour's chat, an amusing contest in modelling animals from chewing gum, and by listening to anecdotes and descriptions of life twelve hundred miles north of Edmonton, by Mrs. Card who has just returned from the far north and who enjoyed the distinction of having been nearer the North Pole than anyone present, although she does not claim to have discovered it. Dainty refreshments were served at the tea hour.

Two present were: Mrs. Jam-

ieson, Edmonton; Mrs. John Barrett; Mrs. Card, Edmonton; Mrs. Gibson, Lacombe; Mrs. Gibson, Edmonton; Miss Gibson; Mrs. Ross; Mrs. Shirkey; Mrs. (Senator) Falbot; Mrs. Sharpe.

## Big Tunnel Will be Put Through

London, Sept. 16.—M. Startin, chief engineer to the Northern of France Railway, has expressed the opinion that within five years at the most the long projected channel tunnel will be an accomplished fact, and that it will be inaugurated by King George and President Poincare shaking hands in the centre of the tunnel.

"The tunnel," said M. Startin, "would bring Paris within five and a-half hours of London, and given a good train service, a person leaving either of the two cities at 8 or 9 o'clock in the morning would arrive at the other end about 2 o'clock. Starting on his return journey at 6 or 7 p.m., he could be home again about midnight."

"Apart from the great increase which is sure to follow in passenger traffic, trade between the two countries would receive an enormous impetus."

"Even with the improbable assumption that Anglo-French relations should at some future time lose their cordial character, the plans for the tunnel have been conceived in such a manner that British guns could instantly destroy the viaducts. Besides, the trains would run by means of electricity, and nothing would be easier than to cut the cables."

"The cost of the tunnel, which would have to be constructed at a depth of about 550 feet beneath the surface, would amount to \$80,000,000, which would be speedily subscribed by the railway companies, convinced as they are of the financial success of the undertaking."

## Ontario Peat Experiments Satisfy

About 1,000 tons of peat from the plant at Alfred, Ont., will be sold in Ottawa this winter. The price of this commodity to Ottawa people will probably be \$5 per ton.

The government three years ago, as an experiment, installed a plant there that had proved most successful in Europe, and turned out, thirty tons a day. Later the government sold their portion of the bog to private interests who have installed improved machinery.

Two years ago peat from this

bog was sold here and found a ready market.

By analysis one ton of hard coal goes as far as one ton and three-quarters of peat, but by actual practice this is not the case, for much is lost in the coal by combustion and in the escaping of half-burned clinkers, where as in peat the combustion is almost complete, and the substance is burned away to a fine ash.

Canada has 37,000 square miles of known peat bogs, constituting a potential national asset of enormous value. Four bogs within a few miles of Ottawa, examined by government experts, are estimated to contain over 25,000,000 tons of fuel.

## B.C. Village Built on High Stilts

For the proper housing of the men employed on the task of constructing the gigantic tunnel through the Selkirk range of the Rocky Mountains at Glacier, B. C., a railway camp is to be constructed which has no parallel in history.

One of the problems the contractors had to face was the drifting snow in winter which made it well nigh impossible to proceed with the work in a satisfactory manner, so they conceived the plan of building a village on stilts. The proposition was placed in the hands of a well-known Montreal architect and he was asked to draw up plans which when finished will cost \$50,000.

The floors of the houses, which will be of substantial construction, are to be eight feet above the ground; the streets will have no sidewalks but will have a walk in the centre, also eight feet above ground level and connected with the doors of the houses by little bridges.

When the architect was first asked to design this village he thought it was a joke, but considering the matter further and studying the plans, he realized that it was a good notion. He took ideas from prehistoric lake dwellings in Switzerland and the streets of imperial Rome. The result is a model village of great engineering interest in what used to be known as the wild and woolly west.

## Tons of Fruit Going to Waste

Penticton, B.C., Sept. 12.—Wholesale ruin has come to a large percentage of this year's record fruit crop in the Okanagan country owing to the inadequacy of transportation and carrying facilities, and practically the only return which many growers will get will be from the local sales. Tons of luscious fruit is rotting in the orchards.

## Alberta Gets California Money

F. J. Weitschek, general agent for the Canadian Pacific Railway's land branch at Los Angeles, is the authority for the statement that many native Californians of means and many well-to-do visitors to the sunset state are investing heavily in Western Canada lands.

"A large number of Californians are moving up here to take up stock raising," said Mr. Weitschek. "The majority of them have considerable means and some of them are quite wealthy. The reasonable price at which they can purchase choice land in this province and the 20-year payment plan introduced by the C.P.R. this year appeals strongly to Californian stock raisers and farmers."

"It is not only Californians that I am getting interested in Western Canada land. Los Angeles is a big winter resort and many people from other states seeking to purchase land in California change their minds when they find that property is held at a prohibitive figure in that state, whereas they can get the best land available at a reasonable price in this province."

Last week Mr. Weitschek sold several sections of land and three ready-made farms to Californians.

Speaking of the possibilities of this province, he stated that it was an inland empire six times as large and fully as rich as Iowa, the best agricultural state of the United States.

## Keep Evelyn Thaw Out of Canada

Ottawa, Sept. 11.—Evelyn Thaw, who has been engaged for theatrical appearances in Toronto and Montreal, according to the Ottawa Free Press, may not be allowed to cross the Canadian border.

The Canadian authorities are considering the advisability of refusing her admission as an undesirable. It is held that she is being brought from the U. S. for the purpose of exploiting financially the unpleasant notoriety which she and her former husband—H. K. Thaw—have acquired during the last five years, and which has recently been considerably stimulated by Thaw's arrival in Canada.

The Canadian immigration law authorizes officials to refuse admission to Canada of those whose mentality, morals, finances or general record are under suspicion. The provision is believed to be wide enough to close the door against Evelyn.

## Births

Marshall—At Rimby on Monday, September 15, to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Marshall, a son.

## Your Liver is Clogged up

That's Why You're Tired-Out of  
Sore Liver, Headaches, Stomach  
Pain, Indigestion, Constipation,  
Biliousness, Irritability, and Sick Headaches.  
Small Pills, Small Dose, Small Price.  
Get them now before it's too late.

**Small Pills, Small Dose, Small Price.**  
Get them now before it's too late.

When buying your Piano in-  
stall on having an  
**"OTTO HIGEL"**  
Piano Action

**FREE TO ALL SUFFERERS.**

**ARLINGTON**

**WATERPROOF COLLARS AND CUFFS**

**WANTED at once**

**THE EXCELLENCE LIFE**

**Time Wasted**

**Country Cousin**

**Angelic**

**Customer-But is a good bird?**

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## Any Farm Cannot Farm Today

It is no old story that the foot  
on farm and in this was almost  
the truth when farming consisted chiefly  
in rearing the fertility of the soil  
rich land secured at practically no  
cost from a generous government. But  
today the farmer is expected to pro-  
duce power in economic systems is  
no foot's job, for it requires mental as  
well as muscular energy, and no ap-  
pointed should be expected from those  
who necessarily make use of technical  
terms in the discussion of this  
technical subject. Notwithstanding the  
common foolish advice that farmers  
should be given a sort of peror in  
the form of a lecture, the farmer should  
be familiar with the names of the ten  
essential elements of plant food as he  
is with the names of his ten nearest  
neighbors. Safe and permanent im-  
provement of soil and permanent pres-  
ervation may come with intelligent  
ignorance on the part of the land  
owner.

Right here the gist of the whole  
question as to the future of every farm,  
wrapped up in that last sentence.  
Read it again, please, and then tell  
a farmer to become familiar with the  
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plant food. If he does not know them  
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**Wolves Killing Off the Buffalo**

Investigations carried on by the  
Forestry Branch of the Dominion Gov-  
ernment have proven conclusively that  
several large herds of wild buffalo  
still to be found in the billy country  
on the northern boundary of Alberta,  
in the neighborhood of the Slave River  
and the Peace River.

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## REMINGTON CO. IN WINNIPEG

**Big Arms and Ammunition Concern**

**Builds Branch Factory in Canada**

**Canadian endorsement of quality in**

**loaded shot shells has brought the**

**Remington Arms Union Metallic Car-**

**tridge Company across the border with**

**the first ammunition factory to be**

**built in this country by United States**

**manufacturers to supply this market.**

**This big arms and ammunition concern,**

**now near its one hundredth**

**year of business activity, has its principal**

**factories at Bridgeport, Conn., U.S.A.,**

**where ammunition is made,**

**and at Ilion, N.Y., U.S.A., the home**

**of modern arms making. Up to this**

**year the steadily increasing Remington**

**business in Canada has been hand-**

**led from the home factories, but of**

**late our dealers and exporters have**

**made the demand so strong that early**

**in 1913 the company's Executive Board**

**decided to build a branch factory on**

**this side of the line. Winnipeg, Ont.,**

**offered advantages as a central**

**distributing point, and as a skilled la-**

**bor market, and early in 1913 a factory**

**site consisting of over one hun-**

**dred acres was purchased there.**

**The plan then was to rush the**

**plant to early completion and install**

**an equipment capable of producing**

**monthly the same high quality de-**

**manded in the strict home factory**

**Inspection. The order was given to**

**begin work at once, and in a few**

**months the new plant was ready for**

**the expedition filling of the unusually**

**heavy orders of the year.**

**A few workers were recruited and**

**five months from the day the first**

## The Real Reason

**Certain public employees who have**

**to submit daily to a kind of fire of**

**their persecutors. This is how an**

**actor boy, dealt with one of them:**

**"Don't you ever feel sick going up**

**and down in this elevator all day?**

**"Yes, ma'am, certainly replied the**

**elevator boy.**

**"Is it the motion going down?"**

**"No, ma'am."**

**"Is it the stopping that does it?"**

**"No, ma'am."**

**"Then what is it?"**

**"Answering questions, ma'am."**

**State of Ohio, City of Toledo, N.Y.**

**Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is**

**the owner of the firm of J. W. Cheney &**

**Cheney & Co., doing business in the city**

**of Toledo, Ohio, and State of Ohio, and**

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**of grain throughout the three western**

**provinces, but do not point to any larger**

**yield than last year. This, combined**

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**about crop of the United States, and**

**also that of the range and other foreign**

**countries, and the present high price**

**of grain, will result in a high level**

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## WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN

Supposing the Laurier government had remained in power at the elections of 1911 what would have been the result to Canada?

Would the expenditure of the last year have been \$144,456,353, although the expenditure on the N. T. R. had been greatly reduced? The total expenditure for the last year of the Liberal government was only \$122,861,250.

Would the question of Canadian naval assistance to the empire have been indefinitely hung up while the Premier was trying to find some policy that would suit both his Nationalist and jingo allies? The Liberal government had settled the question and was prepared to go on in accordance with the agreement entered into with the Imperial government and Australia in 1910.

Would the expenditure on Public Works have increased to \$20,121,198 as it was last year? It was only \$12,958,916 for the last year of the Liberal government and the country was well satisfied.

Would the expenditure on Militia have increased to \$8,844,458 last year and to between 10 and 12 million dollars this year, with more than half a hundred drill halls to be planted all over the landscape? The militia expenditure in 1911 was \$6,868,551 and Canada was as safe as it is today.

Would there have been friction between the two parties as to the propriety of the Dominion Government interfering in provincial affairs, as in the Highways Aid Bill and the Agricultural Aid Bill? The policy of the Liberal government was always to preserve provincial rights and leave expenditures which belonged to the provinces to them.

Would Mackenzie and Mann have been presented with \$15,000,000, an additional gift after the guarantee of bonds given them in previous years? The Liberal party to a man voted against such a thing.

Would there have been three Nationalist anti-Imperialist ministers in the government? Sir Wilfrid Laurier always opposed the Nationalist movement in Quebec and suffered more reverses in that province by refusing to join the disloyal campaign which was ultimately paid for by the Tory party.

Would the country have been disgraced by such election crimes as occurred in the Macdonald, Richelieu and Hochelaga by-elections? Nothing of the sort was ever known during the 15 years of Liberal government.

Would the N. T. R. have been degraded from the original splendid plan, which was one of the cardinal principles of the Liberal government, that the N. T. R. should be kept to a 4-10 per cent grade so as to ensure the cheapest possible transportation for grain?

Would Canada have been made absurd in the eyes of the British people by the antics of such an

extravagant militarist as Col. Hon. Sam Hughes with his gold plated staff? Sir Frederick Borden always ruled the Militia department with dignity and kept the circus parade business down.

Would the country have had two sessions of parliament with scarcely a single article of the government's pre-election program put into force, and most of their promises broken? During the first two years of the Liberal government the tariff was reformed in such a manner that stagnation of business suddenly changed into prosperity, while the Imperial preference opened up a new era in the Empire's relations.

Would the country have witnessed the wholesale dismissal of Civil Servants in order to make room for party heifers; the appointment of expensive men as commissioners to assist in this work; the neglect of public business while the government strove to undo or qualify everything that had been done by the Liberal government, and the ministers spending the whole summer carering over the world at the country's expense, while the real business of the Dominion was neglected?

Would Canada have witnessed such a sight as the Minister of Labor refusing to use legislative machinery to settle strikes whenever the great interests were averse to such a thing, and then have him run away to England in the middle of one of the most violent and disastrous strikes that ever occurred in Canada? The records of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux and Hon. MacKenzie King show that they continually succeeded where the present Labor department has apparently wilfully failed.

Would the people of Canada ever have elected such a government had they imagined what would have happened when Mr. Borden by his double-faced policy attained power?

## LORD HALDANE'S VIEWS

Lord Haldane's visit to Canada gave very little comfort to the emergency seeking jingoes of the Borden government and their supporters in the press. Great efforts have been made to magnify the British Lord Chancellor's statesmanlike utterances into an appeal for the Borden \$35,000,000. Nothing could have been further from Lord Haldane's thoughts, if his words expressed his views, as they undoubtedly did.

Lord Haldane at Montreal declared that the British navy was "of course, the most proficient and powerful in the world," that there would never be the slightest chance for conscription, as Great Britain had an infinitely better supply of free sailors than any other country could possibly get with or without conscription. As to Canada's share, he simply said, "if you decide to come to our aid, it would be a great help to the United Kingdom and a considerable source of strength to the empire."

Not one word to indicate whether Lord Haldane preferred \$35,000,000 cash or a Canadian navy, only a reflection on the Tory party in revering the situation as it was at the time of the un-

animous resolution of parliament in 1909. He emphatically declared that the manner of aiding was a matter for Canada to decide for herself. Nowhere in any of Lord Haldane's utterances were there the slightest sign of misgiving as to Great Britain's future. He gave no idea of the "Weak Titan" calling for help. He emphatically declared that if Canada did not care to assist the mother country she was capable of bearing the burden of the Empire alone.

The Borden emergency is as hopelessly discredited as the Borden government.

## UNTRUTHFUL ATTACKS

Dr. Johnson years ago wrote that the last resort of a scoundrel was patriotism. The Canadian Conservative press has gone the lexicographer one better. In the naval imbroglio which they so industriously created, their last resort is plain distortion of facts—a method which is sometimes called by the name of untruths. They have two stock untruths which are from time to time trotted out without regard for facts or common sense. That is reishingly Tory. For instance, on September 2nd, the Toronto Mail and Empire editorially declared—"Though they shift the ground of their position from time to time, the Liberal newspapers are steadily antagonistic to the giving of naval aid to Britain. At one time they profess to be actuated by scruples as to militarism; at another by a conviction that help is not needed."

A meaner perversion of the truth could not be imagined than these efforts to spread the impression that loyalty is a private requisite of the Tory party, and that the Liberals must necessarily be tinged with disloyalty. The only newspapers in Canada that persistently take the view of which the Tory organs accuse the Liberal press are the organs of the Quebec Nationalist party. In the last campaign it has been proven that the Nationalist Anti-Imperialist propaganda amongst the French-Canadians, of unswerving opposition to either direct aid to Great Britain or a Canadian fleet unit was financed from the Tory war chest. The money subscribed by the Toronto and Montreal jingo protectionist millionaires to propagate the gospel of Imperialism for the poor man and immense tariff made fortunes for themselves went largely to Quebec province, where it was spent to spread the Nationalist arguments that Canada owes nothing to England and should give her nothing except hatred for the days when, as Deputy Speaker Bloudin, Mr. Borden's supporter and friend, said, their ancestors "had to blow holes through the Union Jack to breathe the air of liberty." Could a greater piece of political hypocrisy be imagined? It is on a par with that of Mr. Huntley Drummond, the Montreal sugar king, who scattered his thousands at the last election to save his business from the reciprocity pact, which would have given the people cheaper sugar, and who is now spending millions made out of his highly protected industry, on American architects

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## Liberals Reduced the Tariff

Excuses are being offered by the Tories for the failure of the Borden government to readjust the tariff so as to give some relief to the overburdened taxpayers by the threadbare declaration that during the 15 years of Liberal government the Fielding tariffs only reduced the duties by one per cent. This is misleading in two ways. First, although the Fielding tariffs did not reduce the general customs duties by much more than one per cent., they so adjusted them that the incidence of taxation fell less heavily on the poor people.

But far more important than this is the effect of the British preference, inaugurated by the Liberal government. Apart altogether from the practical example of empire building which this British preference gave, it proved of immense value to the Canadian consumer. It has a marked effect in increased Canadian trade with Great Britain. It had a much more extended effect upon the consumer because it meant that people in the United States and other countries, in order to compete with Britain in the Canadian market, must meet British prices, which were naturally reduced by the 33-1-3 reduction in the duty. The effect was that, although the British preference technically only applied within the Empire, its result was to automatically reduce the prices on goods from every country which wanted to do business in Canada in competition with the Mother Country, reducing it to the extent by which British goods were favored. In this way the real reduction of costs effected by the Liberal government was immensely greater than would appear by the general tariff.

Had the Liberal government been returned at last election, the reciprocity pact would have given a much greater reduction and produced a greater opportunity of trade, where the Canadian producer can and does trade to a greater advantage, despite the tariff. The United States have realized this, and a greatly reduced tariff will soon go into effect there. The longer the Borden government fails to realize the needs of the Canadian consumer for reduction in their tariff taxation, the worse it will be for the people, for the government and for the interests which are backing the government.

## Nothing Immoral in Women's Dress

Kansas City, Sept. 13.—Ralph S. Latschaw, judge of the criminal court, and a world-wide traveler, gave today to a reporter of The Star his verdict on the present style in women's dress.

"Not guilty of a misdemeanor," was the verdict.

"I see nothing immoral with the slit skirt, X-ray gown or any other form of present women's attire, created by French impressionists," said the judge. "The women of today have only one

idea in view—to dress in a manner that appeals to men. Well, hasn't it always been such?"

"The present agitation against the slit skirt merely shows that men are not used to the sheathed ankles and shadowed form of women. What is there immodest concerning a woman's ankle? Nothing at all. In time, the sight of scanty attire and clinging flounces will cease to excite us fellow men."

"Why, I remember the time when it was considered immodest for a woman to arrange her coiffure in a manner that would show her ears. Also short sleeves and low neck dresses were scorned. But today—well, today there isn't much to a woman's dress but a little vest and drapery. We have advanced."

"Women should be praised for their successful efforts in dress, not censured. Narrow skirts and trim figures do not mean immorality, as some insist."

"One of the most vicious epochs of society was when hoop-skirts were worn. The eyes and the lips reveal more than the cut of the garment."

"Every once in a while, some man with a pygmy brain and a prurient mind feels called upon to administer rules and regulations concerning the styles of women. I believe absolutely that there is nothing in the slit skirt, X-ray gown or clinging robe that are detrimental to virtue and chastity."

"But why women and men should be ashamed of the most wonderful machine that has ever been made, and why women should be called immodest if she allows any part of that machine except her face and hands to be seen, is a question without an answer. And besides, an ex-convict, in a plea for his daughter, said to me, 'You can't judge a sausage by its shiny overcoat.' You can't judge a woman by her clothes."

## Condemned to Asylum for Pranks

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 16.—Bessie Lewis is home, after seven years spent, in the companionship of imbeciles and epileptics, as punishment for a childish act of disobedience. For the first time since she was a child of 13 she was clasped by her mother in their home here. Nine years ago while the mother hovered between life and death, Bessie Lewis was committed to the State Industrial School for Girls at Adrian.

Two years afterward, without a hearing, without a physical or mental examination, without even a word to the mother and apparently through a determination to make the child an example in the interests of discipline, the industrial school authorities transferred the girl to the institution for the feeble minded at Lapeer, practically condemning her to a living death in an environment of unfortunate humanity such as would test a much stronger and more mature mentality.

Seven years the mother planned and pleaded for the deliverance of her child from a life among imbeciles and epileptics. Vainly she

sought last stance to prove the injustice of the verdict by which the child was adjudged feeble minded. But not until Grand Rapids parties took up the fight and the girlhood of her little one had been sacrificed to an error to the Michigan law was Bessie enabled to walk forth free to return to her mother and to take her place among her more fortunate sisters in the activities of life.

In the joy of her deliverance the young woman is seeking to forget her lost girlhood and lost opportunities and cheerfully she is setting herself to the task of overcoming the handicap her incarnation has put on her. Before her commitment to Adrian the girl had finished the fourth grade in a country school. Since that time she has been practically without schooling of the sort necessary to give her a standing among working girls of her age and average opportunity.

That any girl could have been unjustly committed to and held by a state institution for the feeble minded during the progressive year of the last decade in Michigan seems almost beyond understanding, and in justice to the institution at Lapeer and the really great work it is doing, it should be explained that this is an isolated case in all the some 1,400 patients there. Whether similar cases may have darkened the records of the past none will ever know. In the future there can be no parallel, because the law of the state has been amended to assure judicial review in all cases of transfer, and there have been changes in the administration not only of the Paper institution, but in the industrial school for girls at Adrian, where the real injustice apparently was perpetrated.

An unusual chain of circumstances helped put a false light on the family history of the unfortunate girl. But the fact remains that not only Bessie but other inmates of the industrial school who ventured occasional disobedience were threatened with commitment to Lapeer, and that while the girl was sent to Lapeer on the allegation of the authorities at Adrian that she was of feeble mentality, there is nothing in her record in either institution to justify the charge, and little even in the family history furnished the Lapeer institution by the Adrian authorities as a foundation for the girl's commitment as a feeble minded patient.

## Always Slide Home Feet First

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—Superior Judge Graham used to be president of the Pacific Coast Baseball League, and knows how the game should be played. Yesterday, in allowing Mrs. Dovetta Yoell \$150 of an inheritance fund to pay a doctor's bill incurred for her son Lawrence, who broke his arm three times playing ball, the Judge said: "The trouble with Lawrence is that he slides hands first for home plate. You want to instruct him to slide feet first, and there won't be any doctor bills."

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### Coroner's Inquest is Adjourned

The inquest on the body of James McNulty, the victim of the recent Hudson's Bay Reserve murder, which was to have been held last Thursday, has been adjourned until tomorrow. When the jury had assembled the coroner, Dr. Forin, explained that certain witnesses who had been summoned were not present, and even with their evidence it would be impossible to arrive at any definite result.

"I would rather," said Dr. Forin, in dismissing the jury, "give the detective force another week to see if they cannot get some evidence which will enable you to put the blame nearer home than you can at present. All we could accomplish now would be to return the old verdict against some person or persons unknown. In a week the police should be able to put some evidence before you, though the case is a very hard one."

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John Proudfoot will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has been filed, with the said John Proudfoot, the Executor of the said estate.

Dated at Lacombe this 6th day of August, 1913.

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### Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Homestead Regulation

Any person who is the sole head of a family or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Subagency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Duties.—His month's residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

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